

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 15, 2008. In response to the Office Action's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect Group II, drawn to a method for determining the presence of magnetic particles without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, clearly define statutory subject matter. Accordingly, allowance of the currently-pending claims is now respectfully submitted to be justified, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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